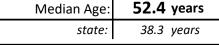
COUNTY PROFILE

Cook Co.

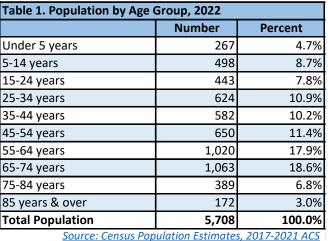
Cook Co. is a part of Economic Development Region 3, which is located in the Northeast Planning Region.

POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS

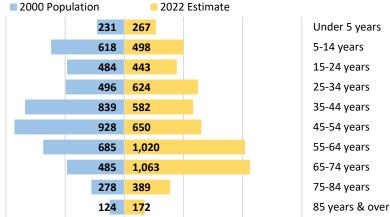




Cook Co. is the 81st largest of the 87 counties in the state. Its population increased over the past decade, ranking as the 11th fastest growing in the state from 2010 to 2022. Cook Co.'s population has an older median age than the state and a larger percentage of people aged 65 years and older. The population is aging, especially as the Baby Boom generation moves through the population pyramid (see Figure 1).







Cook Co. suffered a negative natural increase - more deaths than births from 2020 to 2022, but also experienced net in-migration - meaning more people moved in than moved out. In addition to domestic in-migration, Cook Co. welcomed net international in-migration - gaining new Minnesotans from foreign countries (see Table 2).

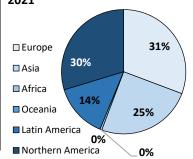
Table 2. Cumulative Estimates of the Components of Population Change, 2020-2022								
	Total		April 1, 2020 to July 1, 2022					
	Population	Natural	Vital Events Net Migration				on	
	Change	Increase	Births	Deaths	Total	International	Domestic	
Cook Co.	109	-49	74	123	160	14	146	
State of Minnesota	10,680	26,917	26,917 144,350 117,433 -17,365 20,012 -37,377					

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Estimates Program

Compared to the state, Cook Co. has a smaller percentage of foreign-born residents. From 2010 to 2021, Cook Co. saw an increase in the number of foreign-born residents, which was faster than the statewide increase.

Table 3. Place of Birth for the Foreign Born	Cook Co.		Change 2	010-2021	Minnesota		
Population, 2021	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Percent	Change	
Foreign-born Population	192	3.4%	103	115.7%	8.5%	30.6%	
Europe	59	30.7%	27	84.4%	9.4%	0.3%	
Asia	48	25.0%	17	54.8%	37.0%	30.2%	
Africa	1	0.5%	1	#DIV/0!	27.8%	89.8%	
Oceania	0	0.0%	0	#DIV/0!	0.4%	17.8%	
Americas:	84	43.8%	58	223.1%	25.4%	6.8%	
Latin America	27	14.1%	19	237.5%	23.0%	8.5%	
Northern America	57	29.7%	39	216.7%	2.5%	-6.7%	

Figure 2. Place of Birth for the Foreign Born Population, 2021



Cook Co.'s population was becoming more racially diverse over time. Since 2011, the county's white population increased and the number of people of other races increased (see Table 4).

Figure 3. Population by Race, 2021



	Cook Co.			Minnesota	
Table 4. Race and Hispanic Origin, 2021	Number	Percent	Change from 2011-2021	Percent	Change from 2011-2021
Total	5,574	100.0%	6.9%	100.0%	7.4%
White	4,768	85.5%	4.1%	80.7%	0.4%
Black or African American	2	0.0%	-95.1%	6.6%	42.2%
American Indian or Alaska Native	441	7.9%	35.3%	0.9%	-8.0%
Asian or Other Pac. Islanders	45	0.8%	95.7%	5.0%	35.8%
Some Other Race	108	1.9%	980.0%	2.1%	66.5%
Two or More Races	210	3.8%	-9.9%	4.6%	121.8%
Hispanic or Latino origin	139	2.5%	348.4%	5.6%	31.6%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2017-2021 American Community Survey

POPULATION PROJECTIONS

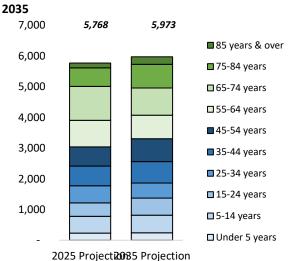
According to the Minnesota State Demographic Center, Cook Co.'s population is expected to grow from 2025 to 2035, with a rate of change that is slower than the projected statewide growth rate (4.5%). In addition to the overall growth, the number of people aged 65 years and older is expected to increase over the next decade (see Figure 4 and Table 5).

able 5. Population Projections by Age Group, 2025-2035

85.5%

Table 5. Population Projections by Age Group, 2025-2035							
	2025	2035	Numeric	Percent			
Cook Co.	Projection	Projection	Change	Change			
Under 5 years	231	244	13	5.6%			
5-14 years	547	569	22	4.0%			
15-24 years	441	559	118	26.8%			
25-34 years	555	489	-66	-11.9%			
35-44 years	640	697	57	8.9%			
45-54 years	625	749	124	19.8%			
55-64 years	865	761	-104	-12.0%			
65-74 years	1,103	888	-215	-19.5%			
75-84 years	605	769	164	27.1%			
85 years & over	156	248	92	59.0%			
Total Population	5,768	5,973	205	3.6%			

Figure 4. Projections by Age Group, 2025-



Source: Minnesota State Demographic Center

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

Cook Co. has a higher percentage of adults (18 years & over) with at least a high school diploma than the state (92.8%), and a higher percentage of people with at least some college experience. Cook Co. also has a lower percentage of people with an Associate's degree and a higher percentage of people with a Bachelor's degree or higher.

Percentage of the adult population (18 years & over) with at least a high school diploma:

96.1%

Less than high school

High school graduate (incl. equiv.)

Some college, no degree

Associate's degree

Bachelor's degree

Advanced degree

Figure 5. Educational Attainment, 2021

College-educated: 72.1%state: 68.0%

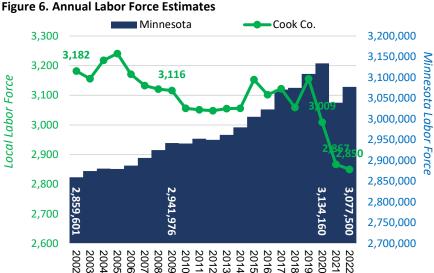
Associate's Degree: 10.9%
Bachelor's Degree: 25.8%
Advanced Degree: 15.6%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2017-2021 American Community Survey

LABOR FORCE TRENDS

At 3.5%, Cook Co. had a higher unemployment rate than the state in 2022. After the pandemic recession Cook Co.'s unemployment rate decreased compared to 8.5% in 2020, and declined compared to the 4.6% pre-pandemic rate posted in 2019. The number of unemployed workers actively seeking work in Cook Co. declined over the past year, and is down compared to 2019.





Source: DEED Local Area Unemployment Statistics

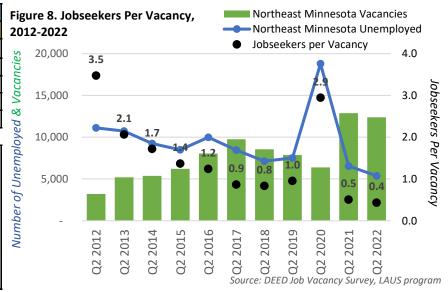
Labor force growth has slowed in recent years. After experiencing a net gain of 87.9 workers each year from 1990 to 2000, Cook Co. averaged an annual loss of -8.3 fewer workers from 2000 to 2010, and most recently a loss of -4.7 fewer workers since 2010 (see Figure 7). Moving forward, Cook Co. is expected to add workers from 2025 to 2035 (see Table 6).

Figure 7. Annual Change in Labor Force, 1990-2022 300 Average of 88 Average of -8 Average of -5 250 new workers per year fewer workers per year fewer workers per year Year-Over-Year Change in Available Workers 200 150 100 50 0 -50 -100 -150 -200 2019-2020: 2018-2018-2019: 2017-2018: 2016-2019: 2015-2019: 2013-2019: 2013-2019: 2012-2 2020-202 (LAS) 1990-199 2002-2003 2009-201ക് 2010-2011 2011-201 1991-1997 1992-1993 1996-1997 1997-1998 1998-1999 1999-2000 2000-200: 2001-2002 2003-2004 2004-2005 2005-2006 2006-2007 2007-2008 2008-2009 1993-199 1994-1995 .995-1996

Table 6. Labor Force	Labor Force Projection			
Projections, 2025-2035	2025 2035			
16 to 24 years	271	356		
25 to 54 years	1,588	1,685		
55 to 64 years	598	527		
65 years & over	487	415		
Total Labor Force	2,945	2,982		

Source: Minnesota State Demographic Center, 2017-2021 ACS

The labor market had grown extremely tight in recent years, with less than 1 jobseeker per vacancy until the pandemic recession intervened in early 2020 and the number of unemployed workers spiked. Job vacancies in Northeast reached new highs in the 4th quarter of 2021, quickly bringing back challenges in finding new workers and 2022 showed the lowest jobseeker-per-vacancy ratio on record (see Figure 8).



LABOR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS

Cook Co. had a lower labor force participation rate than the state. The labor force in Cook Co. is less racially diverse than the state (where 82.6% of workers are white alone), but is becoming more diverse over time.

Table 7. Employment Characteristics, 2							
		Cook Co.		Minnesota		Labor Force	by Gender
	In Labor Force (available workers)	Labor Force Partic. Rate	Unemp. Rate	Labor Force Partic. Rate	Unemp. Rate	Male	Female
Total Labor Force	3,012	62.7%	1.8%	69.2%	4.0%	1,577	1,436
16 to 19 years	62	38.5%	1.6%	52.3%	10.7%	46	16
20 to 24 years	233	93.6%	0.0%	83.3%	6.7%	91	142
25 to 44 years	1,047	88.9%	2.5%	88.8%	3.6%	546	501
45 to 54 years	534	84.1%	0.4%	87.6%	3.0%	254	280
55 to 64 years	689	69.2%	3.6%	73.1%	3.2%	369	320
65 to 74 years	417	40.2%	0.0%	28.0%	3.2%	256	161
75 years & over	31	5.7%	0.0%	6.6%	2.9%	15	16
Employment Characteristics by Race &	Hispanic Origin					Figure 9. La	abor Force by
White alone	2,618	62.1%	1.3%	68.5%	3.4%	Race, 2021	•
Black or African American	0	0.0%	0.0%	71.9%	8.6%		
American Indian & Alaska Native	226	69.1%	2.7%	57.4%	12.9%		
Asian or Other Pac. Islanders	33	80.4%	0.0%	72.7%	4.1%		
Some Other Race	42	56.8%	7.1%	75.8%	6.2%		
Two or More Races	94	64.8%	11.7%	74.1%	7.3%		
Hispanic or Latino	51	63.8%	5.9%	77.0%	6.6%		
Employment Characteristics by Disabil	ity						00
With Any Disability	133	49.1%	12.0%	53.6%	9.9%		86.
Employment Characteristics by Educat	ional Attainment						
Population, 25 to 64 years	2,269	80.8%	2.3%	84.4%	3.4%	White a	
Less than H.S. Diploma	68	71.6%	3.0%	66.6%	4.6%		African American
H.S. Diploma or Equivalent	593	81.9%	0.0%	77.3%	2.5%		n Indian & Alaska I
Some College or Assoc. Degree	737	79.7%	3.8%	85.1%	3.6%		Other Pac. Islande
Bachelor's Degree or Higher	872	82.0%	0.6%	90.3%	2.1%	■ Some O	ther Race

Source: 2017-2021 American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates

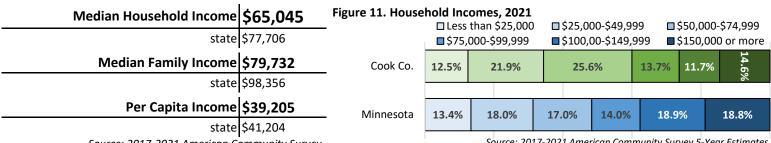
Two or More Races

A larger percentage of workers in Cook Co. worked in the same county in which they live compared to the state. Cook Co. also had a shorter average commute time than the state.

	Cook (Co.	Minn	esota	Figure 10. Time	e Leaving Ho	ome to	
Table 8. Commuting Characteristics, 2021	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	go to Work, 20			
Worked in state of residence	2,768	99.3%	2,858,636	97.7%	■ Cook		■ Minnesota 20%	40%
Worked in county of residence	2,682	96.2%	1,922,337	65.7%		70 4	20%	40%
Worked out of county of residence	89	3.2%	933,372	31.9%	12:00 a.m. to			
Worked outside state of residence	20	0.7%	67,296	2.3%	4:59 a.m.	1.3% 4.6%		
MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK					5.00 1 - 5.50	11070		
Car, truck, or van	2,111	75.7%	2,387,561	81.6%	5:00 a.m. to 5:59 a.m.	7.6%		
Public transportation (excl. taxicab)	39	1.4%	81,926	2.8%		9.1%	5	
Other method (walk, bike, taxi, etc.)	259	9.3%	122,889	4.2%	6:00 a.m. to 6:59		15.6%	
Worked at home	379	13.6%	333,556	11.4%	a.m.		19.4%	
TRAVEL TIME TO WORK					7:00 a.m. to 7:59			
Less than 10 minutes	1,132	40.6%	465,223	15.9%).2% .0%
10 to 19 minutes	677	24.3%	895,335	30.6%			29.	.0 /0
20 to 29 minutes	332	11.9%	649,557	22.2%			18.9%	
30 to 44 minutes	432	15.5%	567,631	19.4%	a.m.	1	L 4.5 %	
45 to 59 minutes	112	4.0%	190,186	6.5%	9:00 a.m. to		26.26	
60 or more minutes	106	3.8%	158,000	5.4%	11:59 p.m.		26.39 23.3%	%
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	17.4	minutes	23.5	minutes				

INCOMES, COST OF LIVING, & HOUSING

Cook Co. had a lower median household income than the state, and a higher percentage of households with incomes below \$50,000. Overall, Cook Co. had the 37th highest median household income of the 87 counties in the state.



Source: 2017-2021 American Community Survey

Source: 2017-2021 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

The cost of living has increased over the past 2 years with costs up in many areas. Cook Co. had a lower cost of living than the state, with a required hourly wage of \$13.04 for a single person living alone to meet a basic needs cost of living, and an hourly wage requirement of \$13.94 for a typical family with 2 adults and 1 child (see Table 9).

Table 9. Basic Needs Cost of Living Estimates, 2022									
	Single Yearly	Hourly Wage	Monthly Costs						
Single Adult, 0 children	Cost of Living		Child Care	Food	Health	Housing	Trans-	Other	Taxes
			Cilila Gare		Care	riousing	portation	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	Tunes
Cook Co.	\$27,132	\$13.04	\$0	\$352	\$152	\$642	\$565	\$272	\$278
State of Minnesota	\$33,708	\$16.21	\$0	\$359	\$157	\$903	\$663	\$345	\$382
Typical Family: 2 Adults (1	Family Yearly	Hourly Wage			N	Ionthly Co	sts		
working full-time, 1 part-	Cost of Living		Child Care	Food	Health	Housing	Trans-	Other	Taxes
time), 1 child	Cost of Living	Required	Ciliu Care	Food	Care	Housing	portation	Other	Taxes
Cook Co.	\$43,482	\$13.94	\$203	\$804	\$538	\$756	\$650	\$427	\$246
State of Minnesota	\$60,540	\$19.40	\$579	\$822	\$561	\$1,151	\$772	\$540	\$620

Source: DEED Cost of Living tool

Cook Co. had a higher median house value than the state, having the 9th highest value of the 87 counties in 2021. Cook Co.'s housing stock was newer than the state's, with a higher percentage of units built since 2000 (see Figure 12).

Table 10. Estimated Value of Owner-	Cook (Co.	Minnesota
occupied Housing Units, 2021	Total	Percent	Percent
Total	1,987	100.0%	100.0%
Less than \$50,000	75	3.8%	4.3%
\$50,000 to \$99,999	68	3.4%	6.1%
\$100,000 to \$149,999	130	6.5%	9.5%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	373	18.8%	14.8%
\$200,000 to \$299,999	564	28.4%	28.7%
\$300,000 to \$499,999	530	26.7%	26.4%
\$500,000 or more	247	12.4%	10.2%
Median (dollars)	\$261,6	500	\$250,200

Source: 2017-2021 American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates

0% 10% 20% 30% 40% Cook Co. ■ Minnesota 2010 or later 19.3% 2000 to 2009 13.4% 29.8% 1980 to 1999 20.4% 1960 to 1979 24.1% 15.2% 1940 to 1959 14.1% 9.3% 1939 or earlier 15.9%

> Figure 13. Housing Costs as a Percentage of Income, 2021

Figure 12. Year Structure Built, 2021

Median monthly owner costs, owner-occupied units with a mortgage

state \$1,682

Percentage of households with a mortgage spending 30% or more of their income on housing costs

Median monthly rent costs \$792

Percentage of renters spending 30% or more of their household income on rent

state 45.4%

44.3% 7.6% 13.5% 15.0% Less than 20% 20% to 24.9% 25.0% to 29.9% 30.0% to 34.9% ■ 35% or more

mortgage

39.3%

rent

Source: 2017-2021 American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates

OCCUPATIONS

At \$22.57 in 2023, wages were lower in Region 3 than the state. Overall, Region 3 had the 6th highest median hourly wage level of the 13 economic development regions in the state. Wages were highest for management occupations (\$42.6) and lowest for food preparation and serving related jobs (\$14.05) (see Table 11).

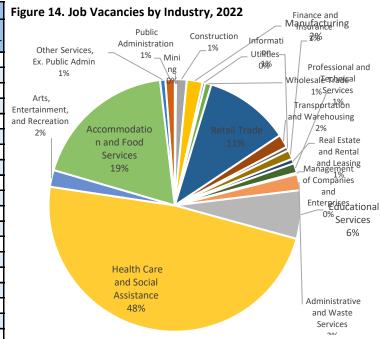
Table 11. Occupational Employment & Wage Statistics, 2023							
		Regio	n 3		Stat	te of Minnes	ota
Occupational Group	Median Hourly Wage	Estimated Regional Jobs	Share of Total Jobs	Regional Location Quotient	Median Hourly Wage	State-wide Jobs	Share of Total Jobs
Total, All Occupations	\$22.57	136,490	100.0%	1.0	\$24.25	2,827,310	100.0%
Management	\$42.60	7,720	5.7%	0.8	\$51.58	193,760	6.9%
Business & Financial Operations	\$32.03	5,910	4.3%	0.6	\$38.19	201,940	7.1%
Computer & Mathematical	\$39.38	2,150	1.6%	0.4	\$49.73	99,250	3.5%
Architecture & Engineering	\$38.75	2,340	1.7%	0.9	\$40.60	53,100	1.9%
Life, Physical & Social Science	\$32.18	1,680	1.2%	1.2	\$39.37	29,070	1.0%
Community & Social Service	\$24.43	4,310	3.2%	1.6	\$25.82	54,820	1.9%
Legal	\$41.44	530	0.4%	0.6	\$47.87	18,730	0.7%
Education, Training & Library	\$25.02	8,450	6.2%	1.1	\$24.82	158,830	5.6%
Arts, Design, Entertainment & Media	\$23.52	1,280	0.9%	0.7	\$28.80	37,630	1.3%
Healthcare Practitioners & Technical	\$37.53	11,460	8.4%	1.3	\$41.07	186,700	6.6%
Healthcare Support	\$17.05	9,180	6.7%	1.2	\$17.40	162,400	5.7%
Protective Service	\$25.66	3,020	2.2%	1.5	\$25.83	40,620	1.4%
Food Preparation & Serving Related	\$14.05	13,630	10.0%	1.3	\$14.89	216,970	7.7%
Building, Grounds Cleaning & Maint.	\$16.29	4,560	3.3%	1.2	\$18.26	76,210	2.7%
Personal Care & Service	\$15.33	3,110	2.3%	1.1	\$16.96	58,120	2.1%
Sales & Related	\$15.06	11,540	8.5%	1.0	\$18.14	239,500	8.5%
Office & Administrative Support	\$20.75	16,030	11.7%	1.0	\$23.06	345,830	12.2%
Farming, Fishing & Forestry	\$23.49	240	0.2%	1.2	\$19.84	4,060	0.1%
Construction & Extraction	\$30.65	6,950	5.1%	1.3	\$31.00	113,930	4.0%
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	\$29.17	6,400	4.7%	1.3	\$27.95	98,670	3.5%
Production	\$22.97	6,640	4.9%	0.7	\$22.07	209,380	7.4%
Transportation & Material Moving	\$19.53	9,370	6.9%	0.9	\$19.80	227,780	8.1%

Source: DEED Occupational Employment & Wage Statistics, Qtr. 1 2023

JOB VACANCY SURVEY

Cook Co. is a part of the Northeast planning region. There were 12388 job vacancies posted by employers in 2022, indicating extensive opportunity in the region, with openings across several occupations and industries (see Figure 14).

Table 12. Northeast Job Vacancy Survey Results, 2022						
	Number of					
Occupational Group	Vacancies	Wage Offer				
Total, All Occupations	12,388	\$17.36				
Management	422					
Business & Financial Operations	273	\$24.50				
Computer & Mathematical	65	70-100				
Architecture & Engineering	139	· ·				
Life, Physical & Social Sciences	26	,				
Community & Social Service	862					
Education, Training & Library	507					
Healthcare Practitioners & Technical	1,703					
Healthcare Support	1,920					
Protective Service	165					
Food Preparation & Serving Related	1,974					
Building, Grounds Cleaning & Maint.	509					
Personal Care & Service	371					
Sales & Related	776					
Office & Administrative Support	591	•				
Construction & Extraction	214	, -				
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	652					
Production	300	•				
Transportation & Material Moving	799	\$16.76				



Source: DEED Job Vacancy Survey, 2022

OCCUPATIONS IN DEMAND

Table 13. Northeast Occupa	tions in Demand, 2022		
Less than High School	High School or Equivalent	Some College or Assoc. Deg.	Bachelor's Degree or Higher
Home Health and Personal	Nursing Assistants	Registered Nurses	General and Operations Managers
Care Aides	_		
\$29,059/yr	\$34,934/yr	\$71,527/yr	\$82,813/yr
Retail Salespersons	Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational		Substance abuse, behavioral
Metan Salespersons	Nurses	Officers	disorder, and mental health
\$27,928/yr	\$46,062/yr	\$68,848/yr	\$46,520/yr
Fast Food and Counter	Medical Assistants	Clinical Laboratory Technologists	Project Management Specialists
Workers	ivicultal Assistants	and Technicians	and Business Operations
\$24,821/yr	\$44,148/yr	\$54,551/yr	\$58,224/yr
Janitors and Cleaners,	Automotive Service Technicians and	Dontal Illugianists	Market Research Analysts and
Except Maids and	Mechanics	Dental Hygienists	Marketing Specialists
\$33,764/yr	\$41,697/yr	\$68,382/yr	\$74,453/yr
First-Line Supervisors of	Hairdressers, Hairstylists, and	Radiologic Technologists and	Elementary School Teachers,
Retail Sales Workers	Cosmetologists	Technicians	Except Special Education
\$42,031/yr	\$26,724/yr	\$65,405/yr	\$63,606/yr
Waiters and Waitresses	Industrial Machinery Mechanics	Surgical Technologists	Accountants and Auditors
\$25,400/yr	\$71,496/yr	\$61,239/yr	\$65,351/yr
Customer Service	Flootuiciono	Forest and Conservation	Child, Family, and School Social
Representatives	Electricians	Technicians	Workers
\$37,099/yr	\$70,377/yr	\$45,122/yr	\$54,240/yr
Social and Human Service	Dontal Assistants	Civil Engineering Technologists	Medical and Health Services
Assistants	Dental Assistants	and Technicians	Managers
\$36,487/yr	\$48,991/yr	\$62,085/yr	\$89,809/yr
	Emergency Medical Technicians and	Computer Network Support	Secondary School Teachers, Except
Cooks, Restaurant	Paramedics	Specialists	Special and Career/Technical
\$31,373/yr	\$34,526/yr	\$63,126/yr	\$60,603/yr
Maids and Housekeeping	Medical Dosimetrists, Medical Records	Posniratory Thoranists	Pharmacists
Cleaners	Specialists, and Health Technologists and	Respiratory Therapists	PHAITHAUSUS
\$28,288/yr	\$48,463/yr	\$66,575/yr	\$140,415/yr

Source: DEED Occupations in Demand

Cook Co. is a part of the Northeast planning region, which is projected to see a 5.5% increase in employment levels over the next decade. In addition to new jobs created, there will be a much larger number of exit openings (see Figure 15).

Table 14. Regional Industry Employment Projections, 2020-2030					
Northeast Planning Region	Estimated Employment 2020	Projected Employ- ment 2030	Percent Change 2020-2030		
Total, All Industries	148,527	156,642	5.5%		
Natural Resources & Mining	4,938	5,018	1.6%		
Utilities	1,295	1,097	-15.3%		
Construction	6,111	6,368	4.2%		
Manufacturing	8,329	8,166	-2.0%		
Wholesale Trade	3,122	3,127	0.2%		
Retail Trade	16,275	15,391	-5.4%		
Transportation & Warehousing	4,783	4,977	4.1%		
Information	1,145	1,210	5.7%		
Finance & Insurance, Real Estate	5,760	5,883	2.1%		
Professional Services & Mgmt. of Compani	5,359	5,695	6.3%		
Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt.	2,916	3,095	6.1%		
Educational Services	11,884	12,440	4.7%		
Health Care & Social Assistance	32,183	35,151	9.2%		
Leisure & Hospitality	14,347	17,531	22.2%		
Other Services	5,703	6,304	10.5%		
Public Administration	14,780	15,572	5.4%		

<u> Source: DEED 2020-2030 Employment Outlook</u>

Figure 15. Regional Occupational Employment Projections, 2020-2030

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Management Occupations	577	2,535		
Business and Financial	326	1 ,713		
Computer and	209	442		
Architecture and	91	623		
Life, Physical, and Social	71	369		
Community and Social	465	1 ,799		
Legal Occupations	45	200		
Educational Instruction and	657	3,631		
Arts, Design,	184	859		
Healthcare Practitioners	961	3,284		
Healthcare Support	1,290	6,744		
Protective Service	249	1 ,403		
Food Preparation and	2,06	9,637		
Building and Grounds	526	3,401		
Personal Care and Service	524	2,9 66		
Sales and Related	-59	0 7,506	I	
Office and Administrative	-465 I	7,812		
Farming, Fishing, and	181	290		
Construction and Extraction	276	2, 492		
Installation, Maintenance,	199	2, 286		
Production Occupations	-241	2, 588		
Transportation and	513	4,567		

ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS

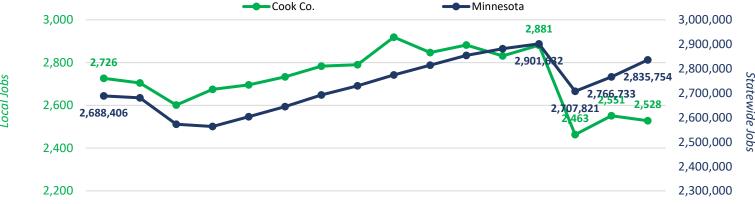
Coming out of the pandemic recession, after losing jobs over the past year, Cook Co. had the 75th largest economy of the 87 counties in the state. Cook Co. was the 76th fastest growing in the past year and the 86th fastest growing since 2019. From 2019 to 2022, employment in Cook Co. is still down from the pandemic recession.

332 business establishments \$41,215 annual average wage

2,528 jobs \$104,192,237 total industry payroll

Job change, 2019-2022 -12.3% decline

Figure 16. Industry Employment Statistics, 2007-2022

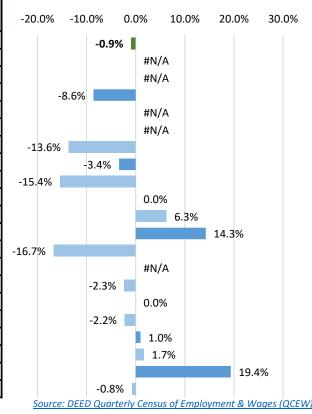


2007 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021 2022

Source: DEED QCEW program

			Average
Table 15. Cook Co. Industry Employment	Number of	Percent of	Annual
Statistics, 2022	Jobs	Total Jobs	Wage
Total, All Industries	2,528	100.0%	\$41,215
Agriculture, Forestry, Fish & Hunt	6	0.2%	\$16,898
Mining	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Construction	149	5.9%	\$48,696
Manufacturing	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Utilities	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Wholesale Trade	49	1.9%	\$43,133
Retail Trade	314	12.4%	\$27,057
Transportation & Warehousing	22	0.9%	\$9,872
Information	22	0.9%	\$33,263
Finance & Insurance	34	1.3%	\$56,077
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	56	2.2%	\$28,879
Professional & Technical Services	15	0.6%	\$34,758
Management of Companies	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt. Svcs.	42	1.7%	\$39,089
Educational Services	176	7.0%	\$46,211
Health Care & Social Assistance	221	8.7%	\$59,244
Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation	206	8.1%	\$36,821
Accommodation & Food Services	724	28.6%	\$31,123
Other Services	37	1.5%	\$22,214
Public Administration	388	15.3%	\$58,582

Figure 17. Change in Jobs, 2021-2022



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